# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
# LOK SABHA

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VACANT STALLS AND SHOPS IN GOVERNMENT COLONIES
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a number of stalls and shops are lying vacant for years together in Government colonies of Delhi which were allotted by the then Minister to educated unemployed youths on licence fee basis in pursuance of policy of the Government to provide self-employment opportunity;

(b) if so, whether these allotments have not only been cancelled and got vacated but the allottees are also being prosecuted;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;and

(d) since when the same are going on?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( SHRI BAN DATTATREYA )

(a): No Sir, At present no such shops and stalls are lying vacant. There is also no policy in this Ministry to allot shops and stalls to educated unemployed youths on license fee basis. The policy approved in 1994 envisages disposing of all shops and stalls with the Directorate of Estates through an open tender. However, in 1995, in deviation of this policy, the then Minister for Urban Development allotted 52 number of shops and stalls without following the procedure of tender, out of which, 12 shops and stalls were allotted to educated unemployed youth.

(b),(c)&(d): Because of the aforesaid deviation, these allotments subsequently became the subject matter of Public Interest Litigation case CWP No.585/94 (Sh. Shiv Sagar Tiwari Vs. Union of India). In pursuance of the Hon`ble Supreme Court`s directions/order dated 11.10.1996 passed in Civil Writ Petition No.585/1994 (Sh. Shiv Sagar Tiwari Vs. Union of India) the Directorte of Estates, first cancelled the allotments of all the shops/stalls. Thereafter, as directd by the Hon`ble Court, the Directorate of Estates framed a revised policy and invited tenders through public notice in accordance with the said policy. All the occupants of said shops/stalls were also allowed to participate in the tender as per directions of the Hon`ble Court. A list of the successful tenderers was finalized and the occupants who were not found to be the successful bidders were given three months` notice of vacation as per directions of the Hon`ble Supreme Court. On their failure to vacate the shops/stalls after the expiry of three months` notice period, contempt petition No.158 of 1998 was filed against 31 occupants of these shops and stalls. During the pendency of the contempt petition, 9 of the above allottees vacated the shops/stalls and these were thereafter allotted to successful tenderers as per directions of the Hon`ble Supreme Court. The contempt petition was taken up for final hearing in respect of the remaining allottees facing contempt. The Hon`ble Supreme Court, vide its order dated 17.7.2001, directed that all these allottees should vacate their premises by 4.00 P.M. on that date except one physically challenged allottee. In accordance with these directions, the shops/stalls were vacated on 17.7.2001 and were thereafter allotted to successful tenderers as per directions of the Hon`ble Supreme Court. All successful tenderers were allowed to take over possession of their shops/stalls from Central Public Works Department except shop No.6, Lodhi Road Complex, Centre-I Market, Shop No.1 Lodhi Road Complex, Centre-II Market and Stall No.15, Lodhi Road Complex, Centre-I Market, New Delhi in accordance with the direction of the Hon`ble Supreme Court dated 13.12.2001 in contempt petition N0.158/1998 in CWP No.585/1994.